GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Setting up of Meteorological Office
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to open Meteorological office in each and every district of the country to understand the weather trends in farming;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of Krishi Vigyan Kendras attached to the Meteorological Department in the country till date and the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the number of farmers whose mobile numbers have been directly linked with the Krishi Vigyan Kendras concerned in the country and the details thereof, State-wise, along with the benefits accrued to the farmers therefrom so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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(a) & (b):India Meteorological Department is implementing District level Agrometeorological Advisory Services (AAS) in collaboration with Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). Starting from existing 130 Agromet Field Units (AMFUs) at district level, AAS will be gradually increased to remaining districts of the country in a phased manner.

(c)107 Krishi Vigyan Kendras are attached to the Meteorological Department in the country. The state-wise list is placed at Annexure-1.

(d)13878276 farmers' mobile numbers have been directly linked with the Krishi Vigyan Kendras concerned in the country. The state-wise and district-wise details are placed at Annexure-2. The benefits accrued to the farmers are given below:-

â€¢Advisories on pre-season operations like selection of good quality seed and testing of germination percentage which improves productivity due to good plant stand in the field.
â€¢Rain water harvesting for storage in farm ponds and efficient use through micro irrigation at critical crop growth stages.
â€¢Efficient planting methods using appropriate farm machinery to minimize cost of labour and increase productivity.
â€¢Pest and disease alerts for timely management and prevention of economic crop loss and reduce morbidity and mortality in livestock, poultry and fisheries.
â€¢Climate resilient interventions in agriculture and allied sectors.

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